

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME: Figur Agri Partners, Inc. and

Antonio Anro Antonomous Agrarian Unibersity

THE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY HE DIGINAL THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC USE WELL OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE OF EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR COULT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE WORLD OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT CHEPLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. IN THE UNITED STATES SEED OF THIS VARIETY LAB BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED AND (2) SHALL CONFORM TO THE COMBINE SPECIFIED BY THE OWNER OF THE RIGHTS. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321

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16A. Exhibit A.

AN-17-PS was selected from a group of hybrids evaluated for cold tolerance, disease resistance and forage production, from the ongoing joint buffelgrass breeding program between Pogue Agri Partners, InKenedy, TX and "Antonio Narro" Autonomous Agrarian University, in Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico.

AN-17-PS is one of the tetraploid hybrids generated during the summer/fall of 1989 by crossing the sexual buffelgrass clone TAMCRDB1S (Bashaw, 1962) and the cold tolerant line Z-115 (Zaragoza 115), a cold tolerant selection of the buffelgrass breeding program at the Zaragoza, Coahuila Experimental Station of the National Institute of Agriculture, Forestry and Livestock Research (INIFAP) of the Mexican Department of Agriculture (SAGAR).

During the fall of 1989, hand emasculated and pollinated seed heads of TAMCRDB1S were harvested and threshed, yielding a total of 980 putative F1 kernels. In April of 1990, F1 seeds were planted in the greenhouse and later transplanted to the field in June of the same year, at the "M. Ramoz Ibarra" Experimental Station in Ocampo, Coahuila, of the "Antonio Narro" Autonomous Agrarian University.

Transplants were arranged in rows, with ten plants per plot at 1 meter between plants and 0.90 meters between rows. Every 10 rows, a check row of Common T-4464 was intercalated as check.

of 1990, identifying 500 out of the 980 plants as hybrids. Due to the vigor of the plants and lack of similarity to the progenitors, it was easy to identify the hybrids. The selection criteria included plant vigor, rhizome development, growth habit, seed head color and foliage color.

In November of the same year dry matter forage production was measured individually on each plant, selecting those hybrids where the yield was greater than or equal to the mean plus one standard deviation. Of 500 hybrids identified, only 108 were selected. Before harvest, seed was collected on each individual plant.

In this original observation nursery, leaf blight caused by Pyricularia grisea was observed on Common T-4464, where most of the hybrid plants were found resistant to the disease.

From the seed harvested on the individual plants in 1990, a progeny test was conducted to verify the type of reproduction and other agronomic characteristics. Seedlings were started in the greenhouse on April 21 1991 and transplanted at Ocampo Coahuila on June 18, 1991. A total of 15 plants per progeny were transplanted in the same arrangement as indicated previously and again, every 10 rows a check variety was included (alternating Z-115 and Common T-4464).

From the progeny test, 98 out of the 108 hybrids were found to have an apomictic reproduction (based on the uniformity of the progeny) where 10 remaining hybrids displayed variability in the progeny (an indication of sexuality).

In the fall of 1991 one forage clipping test was conducted and in 1992 two clipping tests were conducted, one at the end of the spring and one in the fall. The selection criteria in this case was to select those apomictic hybrids that would out-yield the mean of Z-115 by one standard deviation. Only eight hybrids were able to out-yield Z-115 mean plus one standard deviation but a total of 22 hybrids were selected since this was not a replicated trial. AN-17-PS was one the hybrids to out-yield Z-115.

Both during the 1991 and 1992 trials we were able to verify the resistance of the new hybrids to Pyricularia grisea.

During 1993 and 1994 the 22 selected hybrids and two checks were

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evaluated in uniform forage clipping trials with three replications at the experimental stations in Ocampo, Coahuila and at Navidad, Nuevo Leon in Mexico. Six of those hybrids were able to out-yield the checks, the hybrids included AN 17-PS. At the same time a cold tolerance evaluation was performed 22/20/04 at the Navidad, Nuevo Leon experimental station, located at 1900 meters above sea level where frosts occur in 130 of the 365 days of they year. Since the original establishment of the hybrids at the Navidad, Nuevo Leon experimental station in 1993, the hybrids, including AN-17-PS have been able to survive the prevalent frosts present at the location. The last surviving plants of Common T-4464 finally disappeared after the 98-99 winter where no loss of stand has been observed in the hybrid plots.

In the spring of 1996 two nurseries with a group of 24 selected hybrids and checks were established at two locations (Cross Plains and Coyanosa, TX), to evaluate for cold tolerance (Rodriguez, 1998).

During 1996 and 1997, nurseries were established to evaluate the reaction of such hybrids and other check varieties for their reaction to buffelgrass blight caused by Pyricularia grisea, as well as for seed yield potential at two locations of south Texas, Lake Farm, Kenedy, TX. and Hindes Farm, Fowlerton, TX. (Rodriguez, 1998, Ocumpaugh and Rodriguez, 1998 and Rodriguez, 1999).

Again, AN-17-PS hybrid was selected among three other hybrids for its cold tolerance, disease resistance and seed quality characteristics. Semicommercial increases of these three hybrids were initiated in the fall of 1997.

During the spring of 1998 two uniform forage trials were established at the Lake Farm, Kenedy, TX. and at the Texas Agricultural Experimental Station in Beeville, TX where two of the selected hybrids and several checks and experimental varieties were evaluated for forage production. AN-17-PS was able to outperform the check varieties, Common T-4464 and Nueces, as well as other Australian varieties.

In the spring of 1999 two forage clipping trials were established, one at "La Copita" Research Area of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Alice, TX and at the Lake Farm in Kenedy, TX. Hybrid AN-17-PS was included in the test with Common T-4464, Nueces and other Australian check varieties as well as other warm season perennial grasses. Again, AN-17-PS was able to outperform the check varieties and other warm season grasses in forage production and quality.

Disease observation nurseries have been also established at Rincon, Laredo and Beeville, TX.

AN-17-PS is a stable and uniform apomictic hybrid and has not shown any variants after six generations (16 nursery x year evaluations/observation nurseries) and in more than 160+ acres of semi-commercial production fields.

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Exhibit B - Statement of Distinctness

'PS-711' is most similar to 'T-4464' but can be distinguished by the following:

Characteristic

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	'PS-711' vs	'T-4464'
Upper leaf sheath Leaf sheath surface	Overlapping Glabrous	Open Pubescent
Bristles originating at	Base and subtending spikelets	Base only

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Objective Description	n of Variety		
Buffelgrass: PS-H1 (Cenchrus ciliaris i)	Name of Applicant: Pogue Agri Partners, It Address: P. O. Drawer 389, Kenedy, TX 78119	nd.
Variety name or temporary designation:	PS-711 AN 17-PS PEREMAIL 12/20/04 WWW	PVPO Number:(For official use only)	
Plant height: Habit:	134.93 cm	95 % CI (137.99 - 141.45) 128 % As a p (Longest shoot from soil surface to top of head)	percentage of Common T 4464 17 - 44464 'PER EANN L 17 21/05 - 4314
Stems Stems Leaves	1 1 = Coarse	e, 2 = Simple and branched from base and lower stem no e, 2 = Fine 2 = Ascending	odes.
3. Rhizomes: Rhizomes: Length: Thickness: Coriaceous scales:	3 1 = Short (1 = (3 - 6	nt, 2 = Absent (up to 10 cm), 2 = Medium (10 - 20 cm), 3 = Long(21 mm) 2 = (7 - 10 mm) nt, 2 = Absent	- 40 cm)
4. Leaf blade: Surface: Color: Width: Length: Upper surface: Lower surface: Leaf edge;	9.13 mm 47.38 cm 1 1 = Scaber 1 1 = Scaber		ercentage of Common Т-4464 ercentage of Common Т-4464
5. Leaf sheath: Upper sheath: Keel: Seedling color (base): Surface:	1 1 = Not kee 2 1 = Green,	2 = Overlapping eled, 2 = Keeled , 2 = Red us, 2 = Pubescent, 3 ≈ Scaberulose	
6. Ligute Membrane: Hairs:		ly ciliate, 2 = Moderately ciliate, 3 = Glabrous nan 1mm, 2 = More than 1mm	
7. Stem nodes: Nodes: Hairs on nodes: Length of node hairs:	1 1 = Absent	parent, 2 = Sightly swollen, 3 = Swollen t, 2 = Present 5 mm), 2 = (3 - 4 mm)	

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8. Inflorescence;	The state of the s
Tip of Peduncle:	1 = Glabrous or minutely pubescent, 2 = Hairy
Rachis:	1 1 = Vilous or wooly, 2 = Glabrous
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	2 1 = Straight, 2 = Flexous (Curved alternately) 7 - 4464 410 /05
Rachis Length:	122 15 John So West (12:55 12:54)
Width:	1 1= Less or equal to 1 mm, 2 = Greater than 1 mm
Number of heads per plant:	208.02 95 % CI (197.79 - 218.24) 38 % As a percentage of Common T-4464
Number of involucres per head:	207.47 95 % CI (170.84 - 244.11) 123 % As a percentage of Common T-4464
Milligrams involucres per head:	440 95 % CI (440 - 450) 147 % As a percentage of Common T-4464
Milligrams caryopsis per head:	140 95 % CI (120 - 160) 140 % As a percentage of Common T-4464
Color at anthesis:	2 1 = White, 2 = Purple bristles and green glumes, 3 = Manila
Color at maturity:	4 1 = White, 2 = Manila, 3 = Brown, 4 = Purplish
9. Involucres or Fasicles: Length to tip of longest bristle:	13.12 mm 95 % CI (12.93 - 13.31) 148 % As a percentage of Common T-4464
Width at base of involucre:	2.91 mm 95 % Cl (2.84 - 2.97) 128 % As a percentage of Common T-4464
Width at top bristles:	8.98 mm 95 % CI (8.74 - 9.21) 98 % As a percentage of Common T-4464
Spikelets per fascicle:	1 1 = Usually (2 - 5), 2 = Single only
Spikelets:	2 1 = Pedicelled (Pedicells 0.5 - 1mm), 2 = Sessile
Pedicel of involucre:	1 1 = Hispid, 2 = Glabrous
Pedicel of involucre:	2 1 = (1 - 1.5 mm), 2 = (0 - 0.8 mm)
Bristles originating:	2 1 = At base only, 2 = At base and subtending spikelets
Number of bristles:	51.68 95 % CI (50.85 - 52.51) 124 % As a percentage of Common T-4464
Length of shortest bristles:	3.71 mm 95 % CI (3.60 - 3.82) 111 % As a percentage of Common T-4464
Length of inner bristles:	7.05 mm 95 % Cl (6.86 - 7.24) 107 % As a percentage of Common T-4464
Cilia on bristies:	2 1 = Lower 1/3, 2 = Lower 1/3, 3 ≈ Lower 2/3
Cilia length:	3 1 = Less than 1mm, 2 = (1 - 1.5mm), 3 = Greater than 2mm
Cilia density:	3 1 = Light, 2 = Moderate, 3 = Dense
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10. Spikelets:	
Spikelet length:	2 1 = Less than 4.5mm, 2 = (4.5 - 6mm), 3 = Greater than 6.5mm
Lower glume:	2 1 = 1/4 length of spikelet, 2 = 1/3 length of spikelet, 3 ≈ ½ length of spikelet
Upper glume:	1 1 = ½ length of spikelet, 2 = 2/3 length of spikelet, 3 = 3/4 length of spikelet
Lemma (longest):	1 = Aristately acuminate (5 to 6 nerves, rarely 7), 2 = (5 nerved), 3 = (3 nerved)
Stigmas:	2 1 = Purple, 2 = White, 3 = Pink
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11. Seed head:	
Appearance at anthesis in mass:	1 ≃ Purplish cast due to purple bristles (but not cilia), white stigmas,
	ភាarginally green lemmas and glumes.
	2 = Green to purplish cast due to purple bristles (but not cilia), white stigmas
•	marginally green lemmas and glumes.
	3 ≠ As option 2 with white tips developing on most of the heads
Appearance at maturity:	1 1 = Purple cast due to purple bristles, purple lemas and glumes
	2 = Manita cast with brown bristles

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12. Seed Width: -Length: Grams per 1000 seeds: Seed shatter resistance:	1.05 mm 95 % Cl (1.03 - 1.08) mm 95 % Cl (1.54 - 1.59) 0.82 95 % Cl (0.68 - 0.96) 2 1 = Poor, 2 = Good, 3 = Strong	114 % As a percentage of Germann T-4464 FER FALLI 113 % As a percentage of Common T-4464 195 % As a percentage of Common T-4464
13. Environmental resistance: Cold Injury: Poor drainage: Drought: Competitive species: Poor fertility:	3	
14. Plant crown and root strength: Strength::	1 1 = Strong, 2 = Moderate, 3 = Weak	
15. Resistance to Pyricularia grisea Type of resistance:	1 1 = Resistant, 2 = Hypersensitive, 3 = Susce	ptible:

Botanical Description of Buffelgrass Cenchrus ciliaris L. Plant Variety Name AN-17-PS' CH CHAIL PS-711 VELOCIO LALL

AN-17-PS is a perennial apomictic tetraploid buffelgrass hybrid with erect stems 1.37 to 1.41 m tall, branched largely at basal nodes, with some secondary stems arising from the lower 3 to 4 nodes of a primary stem.

AN-17-PS presents creeping rhizomes 21 to 40 cm long and 3 to 6 mm thick, with no coriaceous scales. Leaf blades are 46.7 to 48 cm long and 9.03 to 9.23 mm wide, convolvulated, scaberulose, with toothed surface and a leaf color equivalent to 5GY/V4/C4 of the Munsell Color Charts for Plant Tissues. The leaf sheath is overlapping, non keeled and glabrous, compared to the pubescent type of Common. The ligule is densely ciliated with cilia more than 1 mm long. Stem nodes are swollen with no hairs.

Inflorescence are 12.45 to 12.64 cm long with minutely pubescent peduncle, a villous or woolly rachis, ribbed vertically and flexous. Seed heads present highly dense fascicles with 170 to 224 fascicles per head. Involucres per head weigh 440 to 450 mg and caryopsis per head weigh 120 to 160 mg. AN-17-PS has 197.79 to 218.24 heads per plant and at anthesis, have purple bristles with green glumes turning purple color at maturity.

Involucres are born in a hispid pedicel 0 to 0.8 mm long, enclosing two to five sessile spikelets 4.5 to 6.0 mm long. One bristle per involucre is usually longer measuring 12.93 to 13.31 mm long. The shortest bristles measure 3.6 to 3.82 mm long and the inner bristles measure 6.86 to 7.24 mm. Bristles originate at the base of the involucre and change from green to purple color as fascicles mature. Cilia on bristles are dense and greater than 2 mm long present only in the lower half of the bristle. The width at the base of the involucre is 2.84 to 2.97 mm wide and 8.74 to 9.21 mm wide at the tip of the bristles. Involucres develop from 50.85 to 52.51 bristles per involucre.

Spikelets are lanceolate 4.5 to 6.0 mm long with the lower glume extending one third of the length of the spikelet, the glume is aristalely acuminate with five to six nerves, rarely seven. The lower glume is one fourth the length of the spikelet. Caryopsis are turgid, ovoid 1.03 to 1.08 mm wide and 1.54 to 1.59 mm long. The weight of 1000 kernels is 0.68 tp 0.98 gr with a kernel to involucre ratio of 0.36 %.

The appearance of seed heads at anthesis, in mass, has a purplish cast due to purple bristles. Stigmas are white and lamas and glumes are marginally green. At maturity, seed heads have a purple cast due to purple bristles, purple lamas and glumes.

AN-17-PS has excellent cold tolerance. Evaluations in central and west Texas have demonstrated that AN-17-PS is able to tolerate constant temperatures of -12 to -17 C degrees for the past three years, without a significant loss of stand (Rodriguez, 1998). The cold tolerance of this new hybrid will allow the use of this new variety in zone 8 and in some regions of zone 7 of the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map. Before this, due to the susceptibility of buffelgrass to freezing conditions, buffelgrass use was limited to zone 9 of The USDA Plant Hardiness Map.

AN-17-PS is a very drought tolerant grass and develops well in areas with as low as 30 cm of annual precipitation. During severe drought conditions AN-17-PS is able to remain alive. The foliage dries but the stems remain green and succulent.

AN-17-PS is resistant to buffelgrass blight caused by the ascomycete fungus Magnaporte grisea, teleomorph Pyricularia grisea. When soil moisture starts to deplete, AN-17-PS remains green while Common buffelgrass plants wilt completely, apparently due to a release of a toxin by the fungus that grows systematically in the susceptible plants. This phenomenon has been documented in Pearl Millet.

Forage quality of AN-17-PS is superior in quality to the forage of

16 D. Additional description of the variety (Cont.)

Common, with an average of 14% crude protein and 60% Total Digestible Nutrients (TDN). In the absence of buffelgrass blight, Common would have forage quality values simmilar to the ones of AN-17-PS, the difference arises when Common buffelgrass plants are wilted by the buffelgrass blight, under marginal losses of soil moisture. Under such conditions, forage quality of AN-17-PS buffelgrass remains unchanged while Common buffelgrass forage quality drops to levels of 12 or 13% Crude Protein and 25 to 30% TDN.

Mean Comparison of Agronomic and Seed Quality Traits

The morphology of AN 17 PS hybrid buffelgrass changes when environmental conditions change within a location and at different locations. The characteristics mostly affected are plant height, leaf length and leaf width, inflorescence length and number of heads per plant.

AN-17-PS hybrid buffelgrass, although similar to Common in appearance at anthesis, differs markedly in agronomic and seed quality traits. AN-17-PS is in average 28% taller (Table 1), has a darker chroma foliage color 5GY/V4/C4 vs. 5GY/V4/C6 of Common (Table 18), leafs are in average 8% wider and 24% longer (Tables 2 and 3), the rachis length is 6% longer (Table 4). AN-17-PS produces only 38% of the number of heads per plant that Common produces (Table 5) with 23% more involucres per head (Table 14), 47% heavier involucres per head (Table 16) and 40% heavier caryopsis per head compared to Common (Table 17).

Seed traits are also markedly different. AN-17-PS has 24% more bristles per involucre (Table 6), the shortest bristles are 11% longer (Table 7), the internal bristles are 7% longer (Table 8), the longest bristle of the involucre is 48% longer (Table 9), the involucre base is 28% wider (Table 10) but the width at the top of the involucres is the same as in Common (Table 11).

In kernel traits, the caryopsis of AN-17-PS are 14% wider and 13% longer (Tables 12 and 13) and the weight in grams of 1000 kernels is 95% heavier than Common (Table 15).

There are approximately 467,984 involucres per Kg of field run seed compared to 542,958 in Common. the caryopsis of AN-17-PS are brown and oval with a weight of 0.82 gr per 1000 kernels compared to 0.42 gr in Common and 1,219,512 kernels per Kg pf seed compared to 2,380,952 in Common. In general, the flower structures and the kernel traits are much smaller in Common, hence the larger amount of involucres and kernels per Kg of seed. Seed quality in Common is severely affected by buffelgrass blight since Pyricularia grisea is able to colonize the seed heads and damage the involucres and affect kernel development.

All these agronomic and seed quality traits are significantly different from the values observed in Common when compared using the t test. Before conducting the t tests, all the data was tested for normality using the Skewness/Kurtosis, the Shapiro-Wilk W and the Shapiro-Francia W test for normality (Stata Version 5). In all cases the data adjusted well to a normal distribution. Only in one case, bristle number, the data departures from a normal distribution by one percentage probability point. Given the large number of observations, it was decided to assume normality based on the central limit theorem.

Before conducting any t test, pair-wise variance comparisons were performed (sdtest Stata Version 5) in order to perform the t test using the even (E) or uneven (U) option of the t test accordingly with the results.

Resistance to buffelgrass blight caused by *Pyricularia grisea* has been stable for more than 15 location x year evaluations (Table 19), where not a single lesion has been observed on AN-17-PS, despite the aggressiveness and mutation capacity of the fungus.

16 D. Additional description of the variety (Cont.)

In forage production, AN-17-PS has been able to statistically out-yield Common both in fresh and dry matter weight production, in trials conducted during 1998 and 1999 (Tables 20 and 21). As indicated earlier, buffelgrass blight severely affects both forage and seed production of Common, while AN-17-PS is not affected.

In 1999 forage samples of AN-17-PS as well as other experimental varieties and grasses including Common, were taken from the forage trails conducted in the fall of that year. The samples were sent to be analyzed at a forage quality laboratory and the results are included in Table 21. As it can be seen, the Total Digestible Nutrients in Common are drastically reduced to 31% due to the presence of the disease (a TDN value of 31% is the equivalent to the nutritional value of wheat straw). The 31% of TDN in Common represents one half the TDN of AN-17-PS and hence, the Acid Detergent Fiber content of Common increases to 65% while in AN-17-PS is only 40%. Also, Net Energy value of Common is reduced to 0.29, one half the value of AN-17-PS. As a consequence of the effect of the disease on the forage quality of Common, the Digestible Dry Matter Yield of this grass 546 Lb/Ac (the digestible portion of what it is ingested by the animal) represents 24% of the amount of digestible dry matter forage produced by AN-17-PS which was 2217 Lb/Ac.

Mean Comparison of Agronomic and Seed Quality Traits

Variety	Mean	95 % CI	ť	Prob.	Variance
	. ,	Loc. I			
AN-17-PS	137.12	136.18 - 138.05	50.46	0.00	Е
Common T-4464	102.83	101.87 - 103.78			.,
		Loc. II			
AN-17-PS	162.50	161.44 - 163.58	35.08	0,00	U
Common T-4464	129.60	128.07 - 131.10			
		Loc. III		,	
AN-17-PS	119.53	118.53 - 120.53	40.05	0.00	υ
Common T-4464	94.13	93.37 - 94.88			

Table 2. Mean Comparison for Leaf Length, AN-17-PS vs. Common (n=150)

Variety	Mean	95 % CI	t	Prob.	Variance
		Loc. I			
AN-17-PS	42.44	40.84 - 44.03	3.45	0.00	U
Common T-4464	38.73	37.33 - 40.13			
		Loc. II			
AN-17-PS	47.82	47.44 - 48.20	28.97	0.00	U
Common T-4464	34.60	33.78 - 35.41			
	,	Loc. III			
AN-17-PS	51.87	51.30 - 52.43	8.07	0.00	U
Common T-4464	41.38	38.87 - 43.88			

Table 3. Mean Comparison for Leaf Width, AN 17 PS vs. Common (n=150)

		VE.	120/04 Wal		
Variety	Mean	95 % CI	t	Prob.	Variance
		Loc. I			
AN-17-PS	8.87	8.67 - 9.08	3.30	0.00	ប
Common T-4464	8.42	8.24 - 8.59			
		Loc. II			
AN-17-PS	9.69	9.557 - 9.82	26.26	0.00	U
Common T-4464	7.55	7.45 - 7.66			
		Loc. III			
AN-17-PS	8.81	8.67 - 8.95	-2.39	0.01	Ū
Common T-4464	9.26	8.84 - 9.22			

Table 4. Mean Comparison for Rachis Length, AN-17-PS vs. Common (n=150)

Variety	Mean	95 % CI	t	Prob.	Variance
		Loc. I			
AN-17-PS	13.92	13.73 - 14.10	6.52	0.00	U
Common T-4464	12.09	11.57 - 12.61			
		Loc. II			
AN-17-PS	12.32	12.23 - 12.42	5.28	0.00	Ŭ
Common T-4464	11.38	11.04 - 11.72		,	
•		Loc. III			
AN-17-PS	11.23	11.02 - 11.43	-1.72	0.08	ប
Common T-4464	11.82	11.17 - 12.47			

Table 5. Mean Comparison for Head Number per Plant, AN-17-PS v (n=150)

PS-711 AN-17-PS vs. Common 7-4464' PELCHAIL PEREMIN ELEOJOU WILLI 4/2/05-ULL

Variety	Mean	95 % CI	t	Prob.	Variance
		Loc. I			
AN-17-PS	288.57	266.81 - 310.13	-14.63	0.00	U
Common T-4464	503.03	483.94 - 522.13			
		Loc. II			
AN-17-PS	136.88	132.27 - 141.49	-41.82	0.00	Ū
Common T-4464	602.24	580.75 - 623.74		*	:
		Loc. III			
AN-17-PS	198.59	186.09 - 211.08	-26.89	0.00	Ū
Common T-4464	524.76	504.31 - 545.22			

Table 6. Mean Comparison for Number of Bristles per Involucre, AN-17-PS vs. Common (n=100)

Variety	Mean	95 % CI	t	Prob.	Variance
AN-17-PS	51.67	50.84 - 52.50	14.29	0.00	υ
Common T-4464	41.64	40.52 - 42.76			

Table 7. Mean Comparison of Small Bristle Size (mm), AN-17-PS vs. Common (n=100)

Variety	Mean	95 % CI	t	Prob.	Variance
AN-17-PS	3.71	3.59 - 3.82	4.75	0.00	Ü
Common T-4464	3.35	3.25 - 3.45			

Table 8. Mean Comparison of Internal Bristle Size (mm), AN-17-PS vs. Common (n=100)

Variety	Mean	95 % CI	t	Prob.	Variance
AN-17-PS	7.04	6.86 - 7.23	3.92	0.00	Ů.
Common T-4464	6.58	6.43 - 6.72			

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Table 9. Mean Comparison for Length to Tip of Longest Bristle (mm), AN-17-PS vs. Common (n=100)

Variety	Mean	95 % CI	t	Prob.	Variance
AN-17-PS	13.12	12.92 - 13.31	36.07	0.00	E
Common T-4464	8.88	8.71 - 9.05			

Table 10. Mean Comparison for Width at the Base of Involucre (mm), AN-17-PS vs. Common (n=100)

Variety	Mean	95 % CI	t	Prob.	Variance
AN-17-PS	2.90	2.84 - 2.97	10.67	0.00	U
Common T-4464	2.28	2.18 - 2.37			

Table 11. Mean Comparison for Width at the top of Bristles (mm), AN-17-PS vs. Common (n=100)

Variety	Mean	95 % CI	t	Prob.	Variance
AN-17-PS	8.97	8.70 - 9.21	-0.72	0.46	Ţ
Common T-4464	9.11	8.81 - 9.42			

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Table 12. Mean Comparison for Seed Length (mm), AN-17-PS vs. $\frac{1}{2}$ (n=100)

Variety	Mean	95 % CI	t	Prob.	Variance
AN-17-PS	1.56	1.54 - 1.59	9.17	0.00	ប
Common T-4464	1.38	1.35 - 1.41			

Table 13. Mean Comparison for Seed Width (mm), AN-17-PS vs. Common (n=100)

Variety	Mean	95 % CI	t	Prob.	Variance
AN-17-PS	1.05	1.03 - 1.07	9.41	0.00	υ
Common T-4464	0.91	0.91 - 0.93			

Table 14. Mean Comparison for Average Number of Involucres per head, AN-17-PS/2/2004/LML(vs. Common (n=100)

Variety	Mean	95 % CI	t	Prob.	Variance
AN-17-PS	207.47	170.84 - 244.10	1.66	0.11	U
Common T-4464	168.31	129.72 - 206.90	,		

Table 15. Mean Comparison for Weight of 1000 kernels (gr), AN-17-PS vs. Gommon 4/2/05 (n=10)

Variety	Mean	95 % CI	t	Prob.	Variance
AN-17-PS	0.81	0.67 - 0.95	3.96	0.00	ប
Common T-4464	0.42	0.24 - 0.59			

Table 16. Mean Comparison for Involucre Weight per Head (mg), $\Delta N-17-PS$ vs. Common (n=300)

Variety	Mean	95 % CI	t	Prob.	Variance
AN-17-PS	440	440 - 450	25.40	0.00	臣
Common T-4464	300	290 - 310			

Table 17. Mean Comparison for Weight of Kernels per Head (mg), AN-17-PS vs. Common (n=100)

Variety	Mean	95 % CI	t	Prob.	Variance
AN-17-PS	140	120 - 160	2.10	0.05	E
Common T-4464	100	70 - 130			

Table 18. Plant Color, according to "Munsell Color Chart for Plant Tissues".

Variety	Hue	Value	Chroma
AN-17-PS	5GY	4	4
Common T-4464	5GY	4	6

(Pryricularia grissa) Table 20. Fresh Weight and Dry Matter Weight of the Uniform Buffelgrass Forage Yield Trial Pogue Agri-Partners, Inc., Lake Farm, Kenedy, TX and Texas A&M University, Texas Agricultural Experimental Station, Beeville, TX 1998 ° Pogue Agri-Partners, Inc.

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	Variety	Fresh Weight Lb/ Ac	Tukey 0.05	Dry Matter	Tukey 0.05	Dry Matter as % of Common	Disease ‡	Cold	ZAD
	PS-560	27442	В	5708	લ્ડ	203	æ		30/86/6
	PS-XPN	25,237	હ	4909	æ	175	2		
	PS-135	25,838	ಜ	5408	લ્ય	193	2	No	
VER EN	VER LAN 17-PS BOTHAL	24,636	ಚ	5708	B	203	R	Yes	
	PS-OT2	25,838	В	5408	a	193	HS	Yes	
	Nueces	23,636	ष्ट	4507	q	161	HS	No.	
	Molopo	18,327	q	3407	q	121	S	No	
	409704	16,722	q	3407	q	121	HS	Yes	
, 75	Common T-4464	14,421	q	2806	q	100	S	No	
77416	Gayndah	7012	q	1400	q	50	S	No	
		LSD = 5618 lb	CV = 26.60	LSD = 1211 lb	CV = 25.41				

Yield difference = a and b are statistically different at the 95% probability level

‡ Disease reaction, R= Resistant, HS = Hypersensitive, S = Susceptible Note: Data corresponds to one clipping in the fall of 1998

§ All entries not shown

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Pyricularia grisea)

Table 19. Stable disease resistance to buffelorass blinht	esistance	to buffelorass bliv		nental buffelores				
				neiltai puireigias		Drids across loca	tions and years i	n south Texas
				Buffe	Buffelgrass Blight Reaction	ction		
Variety PER EMIN	Type	Killam Ranch Webb Co. 97, 98 and 99	Lake Farm Karnes Co. 97, 98 and 99	Hinds Farm La Salle Co.	TAMU-TAES Exp. Sta. Bee Co.	La Copita TAES	Rincon, TX Starr Co.	Webb Co. Ext. Office
PS EXP H-1 (AN-17-PS)	Hybrid	œ	œ	Ω (S)	26 PM	B 02	8 0	88 02
PS EXP V-1 (PS-493)	Variety	œ	œ	œ	r	: a:	. α	_ 0
PS EXP V-3 (PS-135)	Variety	œ	œ	œ	œ	2	2 02	Δ
PS EXP V-5 (PS-XPN)	Variety	œ	œ	EK.	~	α	: α	- Ω
PS EXP V-9 (Common II)	Variety	œ	æ	8	œ	: Cx	ά α	۵ ۵
Common' 7-4464' & CA CATA	$\sqrt{\lambda}$	တ	တ	S	Ş	. v	2 0	2 v
409704	Variety	왚	왓	SH.	HS	HS	S T	2 <u>2</u>
Gayndah	Variety	S	S	တ	S	တ	S	2 w
Nueces	Hybrid	S/SH	S/SH	S/ SH	HS/S	HS/S	HS/S	HS/S
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R=Resistant S=Susceptible HS=Hyper Sensitive "Most closely resembles" or "most similar" statement:

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AN-17-PS PS-711 PER EMAIL
Exhibit B

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7-4464' 4/21/06 LAL

'AN-17-PS' most closely resembles the 'Common' (T-4464) variety of buffelgrass but 'AN-17-PS' can be readily distinguished from 'Common T-4464' by the following:

'AN-17-PS' is in average 28% taller than 'Common T-4464' and develops rhizomes that are not found in 'Common T-4464'.

The Leaves of 'AN-17-PS' are 8% wider and 28% longer the those of 'Common T-4464'.

'AN-17-PS' resembles 'Common T-4464' at flowering but initiates anthesis two weeks later than 'Common T-4464' and produces only 38% of the number of seed heads that 'Common T-4464' produces. Flower heads have a rachis longer and more slender and produces 28% more involucres per head than 'Common T-4464'.

Plants of 'AN-17-PS' are visibly larger and more robust and consistently produces more forage than 'Common T-4464'.

'AN-17-PS' is a perennial, apomictic, tetraploid hybrid and exhibits much more cold tolerance than 'Common T-4464' which is a perennial, apomictic, tetroploid variety. 'AN-17-PS' has persisted for five years at Baird, Callahan County, Texas where 'Common T-4464' winter killed at this location during the first year. 'AN-17-PS' has persisted also at Kent, Culberson County, Texas, for the past two years, which is two hundred miles further north and west than 'Common T-4464' has been known to survive.

'AN-17-PS' is resistant to *pyricularia grisea*, commonly known as leaf blight, while 'Common T-4464' is severely affected by the infection of leaf blight. Forage quality is greatly affected and reduced by leaf blight.

Objective Description of Variety

Buffelgrass

Common T-4464

(Cenchrus ciliaris L.)

Name of Applicant: Pogue Seed Co., Inc.

Address: P. O. Drawer 389, Kenedy, TX 78119

Variety name or temporary designation Common T-4464

Note: For reference use only

PVPO Number______(For official use only)

1. Plant height:

108.85 cm

95 % CI (107.31 - 110.39)

(Longest shoot from soil surface to top of head)

2. Habit:

Stems

Stems Leaves 1 '

1 = Simple, 2 = Simple and branched from base and lower stem nodes.

1 1 = Coarse, 2 = Fine

1 = Erect, 2 = Ascending

3. Rhizomes:

Rhizomes:

Length:

Thickness:

Coriaceous scales:

2 1 = Present, 2 = Absent

1 = Short (up to 10 cm), 2 = Medium (10 - 20 cm), 3 = Long(21 - 40 cm)

na 1 = (3 - 6 mm) 2 = (7 - 10 mm)

na 1 = Present, 2 = Absent

4. Leaf blade:

Surface:

Color:

Width:

Length:

Upper surface:

Lower surface:

Leaf edge:

2 1 = Flat, 2 = Convolvulate

5GY / V4 / C6 According to Munsell Color Charts for Plant Tissues

8.41 mm

38.24 cm

95 % CI (8.27 - 8.56) 95 % CI (37.22 - 39.26)

1 1

1 = Scaberulose, 2 = Pubescent, 3 = Glabrous

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1 = Scaberulose, 2 = Pubescent, 3 = Glabrous

1 = Toothed, 2 = Smooth

5. Leaf sheath:

Upper sheath:

Keel:

Seedling color (base):

Surface:

1 = Open, 2 = Overlapping

1 = Not keeled, 2 = Keeled

2 1 = Green, 2 = Red

1 = Glabrous, 2 = Pubescent, 3 = Scaberulose

6. Ligule

Membrane:

Hairs:

1 = Densely ciliate, 2 = Moderately ciliate, 3 = Glabrous

1 = Less than 1mm, 2 = More than 1mm

7. Stem nodes:

Nodes:

Hairs on nodes:

Length of node hairs:

1 = Not apparent, 2 = Sightly swollen, 3 = Swollen

1 1 = Absent, 2 = Present

1 = (1 - 2.5 mm), 2 = (3 - 4 mm)

8. Inflorescence;		
Tip of Peduncle:	1 = Glabrous or minutely pubescent, 2 = Hairy	
Rachis:	1 = Vilous or wooly, 2 = Glabrous	
Rachis:	1 1 = Ribbed or grooved vertically 2 = Not ribbed, cylindrical	
Rachis:	L. TOUTIDDOG, Officiality	
Rachis Length:		
Width:		
Number of heads per plant:		
Number of involucres per head:		
Milligrams involucres per head:	168.32 95 % CI (129.73 - 206.91) 300 95 % CI (290 - 310)	
Milligrams caryopsis per head:	100 95 % CI (70 - 130)	
Color at anthesis:	1 = White, 2 = Purple bristles and green glumes, 3 = Manila	
Color at maturity:	1 = White, 2 = Manila, 3 = Brown, 4 = Purplish	
9. Involucres or Fasicles: Length to tip of longest bristle: Width at base of involucre: Width at top bristles: Spikelets per fascicle: Spikelets: Pedicel of involucre; Pedicel of involucre: Bristles originating: Number of bristles: Length of inner bristles: Cilia on bristles:	8.89 mm 95 % Cl (8.72 - 9.06) 2.28 mm 95 % Cl (2.18 - 2.38) 9.12 mm 95 % Cl (8.81 - 9.42) 1 = Usually (2 - 5), 2 = Single only 1 = Pedicelled (Pedicells 0.5 - 1mm), 2 = Sessile 1 = Hispid, 2 = Glabrous 1 = (1 - 1.5 mm), 2 = (0 - 0.8 mm) 1 = At base only, 2 = At base and subtending spikelets 41.65 95 % Cl (40.53 - 42.76) 3.35 mm 95 % Cl (3.26 - 3.45) mm 95 % Cl (6.43 - 6.73) 1 = Lower 1/3, 2 = Lower ½, 3 = Lower 2/3	
Cilia length:	2 1 = Less than 1mm, 2 = (1 - 1.5mm), 3 = Greater than 2mm	
Cilia density:	3 1 = Light, 2 = Moderate, 3 = Dense	
10. Spikelets: Spikelet length: Lower glume: Upper glume: Lemma (longest): Stigmas:	2 1 = Less than 4.5mm, 2 = (4.5 - 6mm), 3 = Greater than 6.5mm 2 1 = 1/4 length of spikelet, 2 = 1/3 length of spikelet, 3 = ½ length 1 = ½ length of spikelet, 2 = 2/3 length of spikelet, 3 = 3/4 length 1 = Arisyayely acuminate (6 rarely 7 nerved), 2 = (5 nerved), 3 = 2 1 = Purple, 2 = White, 3 = Pink	of spikelet of spikelet
11. Seed head: Appearance at anthesis in mass:	1 = Purplish cast due to purple bristles (but not cilia), white stigms marginally green lemmas and glumes. 2 = Green to purplish cast due to purple bristles (but not cilia), whe marginally green lemmas and glumes. 3 = As option 2 with white tips developing on most of the heads	
Appearance at maturity:	1 1 = Purple cast due to purple bristles, purple lames and alumns	

1 = Purple cast due to purple bristles, purple lemas and glumes 2 = Manila cast with brown bristles

12. Seed

Width:

Length:

Grams per 1000 seeds: Seed shatter resistance:

0.92	mm	95 % CI (0.90 - 0.94)
1.39]mm	95 % CI (1.36 - 1.42)
0.42]	95 % CI (0.25 - 0.60)
1]1 = Poor	, 2 = Good, 3 = Strong

13. Environmental resistance:

Cold Injury: Poor drainage:

Drought:

Competitive species:

Poor fertility:

1	1 = Susceptible, 2 = Tolerant, 3 = Resistant
1	1 = Susceptible, 2 = Tolerant, 3 = Resistant
3	1 = Susceptible, 2 = Tolerant, 3 = Resistant
3	1 = Susceptible, 2 = Tolerant, 3 = Resistant
3	1 = Susceptible, 2 = Tolerant, 3 = Resistant

14. Plant crown and root strength:

Strength::

1 = Strong, 2 = Moderate, 3 = Weak

15. Resistance to Pyricularia grisea

Type of resistance:

1 = Resistant, 2 = Hypersensitive, 3 = Susceptible

16 D. Additional Description of the Variety (Cont.)

Four photographs are attached to this application. The photographs are labeled and the description follows.

Photo A. General appearance of AN 17-PS hybrid buffelgrass

| Photo A. General appearance of AN 17-PS hybrid buffelgrass
| Photo B-1. Contrasting differences between Gommon T-4464 plants in the foreground and AN-17-PS hybrid buffelgrass in the background.

Photo B-2. Contrasting differences between Common T-4464 plants on the left and AN-17-PS hybrid buffelgrass on the right.

Photo C. General appearance of AN-17-PS hybrid buffelgrass seed heads, at anthesis (right) and at maturity (left).

Photo D. General view of devastating effect of buffelgrass blight caused by Pyricularia grisea on Common T-4464 buffelgrass. Note in the middle of the picture the presence of Kleingrass still green, while buffelgrass is already wilted by the blight. Before the presence of the blight, buffelgrass had a greater drought tolerance. AN-17-PS is resistant to the blight and will not wilt.

Photo A

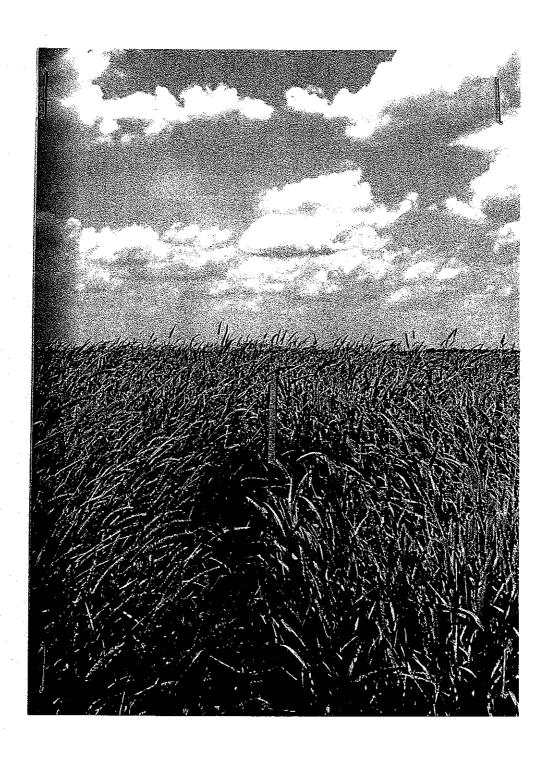


Photo B-1

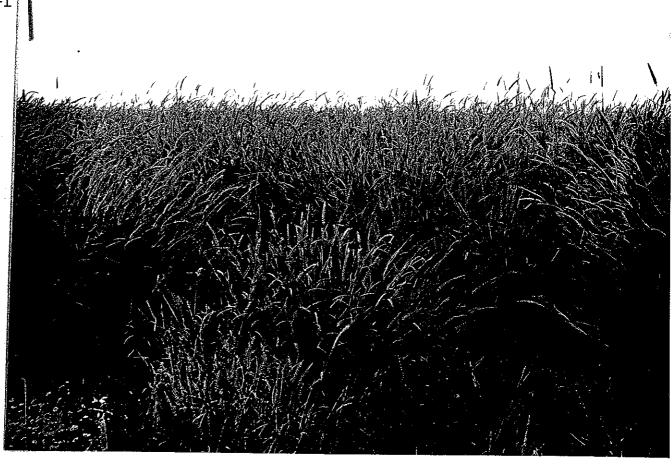


Photo B-2



Photo C Photo D

The following is the additional information requested for PV # 200300332

EXHIBIT E

Item # 11 Additional explanation on ownership

Variety is the product of joint research program between Pogue Agri Partners, Inc. of the United States and Antonio Narro Autonomous Agrarian University of Mexico. The Partnership agreement provides that Pogue Agri Partners, Inc. as the exclusive grower and marketer of the seed and Antonio Narro Autonomous Agrarian University to receive a royalty based on a percentage of all gross sales of the seed.

Sincerely,

Scott S Kalish Pogue Agri Partners, Inc.

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EXHIBIT E STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF OWNERSHIP Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).				
. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) 2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION 3. VARIETY NAME				
Pogue Agri Partners, Inc. and Antonio Narro Autonomous Agrarian University OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER H17 H1 PS-716 AN-17-PS PER ENTILL				
				PS711 12/20/04 WLL
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP, and Country) 5. TELEPHONE (include area code) 6. FAX (include area code)				
P. O. Drawer 389 (830)583-3456 (830)583-9843				
Kenedy, TX 78119 7. PVPO NUMBER				
200300332				
8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in appropriate block. If no, please explain.				
9. Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. national or U.S. based company? If no, give name of country				
10. Is the applicant the original owner?				
a. If original rights to variety were owned by individual(s), is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. national(s)?				
YES NO If no, give name of country				
b. If original rights to variety were owned by a company(les), is(are) the original owner(s) a U.S. based company?				
YES NO If no, give name of country				
11. Additional explanation on ownership (if needed, use reverse for extra space):				
Variety is the product of joint research program				
	,	•		
PLEASE NOTE:				
Plant variety protection can be afforded only to owners (not licensees) who meet one of the following criteria:				
1. If the rights to the variety are owned by the original breeder, that person must be a U.S. national, national of a UPOV member country, or national of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.				
2. If the rights to the variety are owned by the company which employed the original breeder(s), the company must be U.S. based, owned by nationals of a UPOV member country, or owned by nationals of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.				

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